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FRENCH COMMENCE ATTACK Two Japanese Leading Annamites Killed

SAIGON, OCT. 14. FRENCH TROOPS KILLED 100 ANNAMITES AND TWO OF THEIR JAPANESE LEADERS IN A PUSH WEST FROM SAIGON AGAINST REBELLIOUS NATIONALISTS. IT WAS ANNOUNCED TO-DAY. THE FRENCH BEGAN "VERY DIFFICULT" OPERATIONS AT DAWN ON FRIDAY TO BROADEN THEIR HOLD TO THE WEST OF SAIGON. EIGHT FRENCH SOLDIERS WERE KILLED AND 16 WOUNDED IN THEIR ASSAULT ON A NATIONALIST STRONG HOLD.

British 25-pound artillery supported the attack, in which 800 Annamites were captured. They will face court martial, the French said.

Maj.-Gen. D. D. Gracey, head of the Saigon Control Commission, warned the Viet Minh leaders at a meeting on October 8 that any Annamite anti-British action while the latter are carrying out their occupation assignment would be countered by firm action.

Gen. Gracey said that despite the Annamite-French truce pledged on October 2, armed bands of Annamites attacked British forces. A British officer and an Indian officer and two Indian soldiers were killed on October 10 in an Annamite attack on an airfield, where they

ambushed a British reconnaissance party.

Gen. Gracey told the Annamite leaders that their professed inability to restore nationalised hostages was "an administration of inability to function effectively as an administration."

The French received reports that Tongkinese are joining the Annamite opposition to French reoccupation.—Associated Press.

The French reported many Japanese snipers among their opponents. Many of the Annamite weapons are Japanese-made.

A French token force is still skirmishing north of Saigon.

Saigon, Oct. 14.

The Nationalists who have already burned a number of Chinese houses in the Saigon Administrative capital of French Indo-China now threaten to burn down the entire city.—Reuter.

JAVA REBELLION FLARES UP SUDDENLY

LONDON, OCT. 14. A BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROCLAMATION OF THE INDONESIAN PEOPLE'S ARMY IN JAVA "COULD HARDLY BE CALLED A DECLARATION OF WAR" SINCE IT IS DIRECTED AGAINST THE MOTHER COUNTRY. HE SAID IT APPEARED MORE IN THE NATURE OF A REBELLION AND SAID APPARENTLY ONLY A RELATIVELY SMALL PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION WAS INVOLVED.

The Dutch news agency Aneta said that the Indonesian peoples' army had declared war on all Dutch, Eurasians and Ambonians.

The army is the military branch of the nationalist regime, headed by Doctor Soekarno, which considers the island of Amboina an enemy along with the Dutch because the Ambonians provided troops for the Dutch East Indies army.

Soekarno's proclamation orders hostilities to begin at noon to-day. He called upon the Indonesians to fight with every weapon at their command, including poisoned darts, fire, and snakes, along with firearms.—Associated Press.

Propaganda issued in Java represents the call to arms as a holy war. They assert that "Indonesian Mohammedans have been insulted by Dutch Christian pigs."

The Indonesians have huge quantities of Japanese arms and ammunition and are in control of two airfields complete with Japanese planes.—Reuter.

LONDON, OCT. 14. INDONESIAN NATIONALISTS HAVE ASKED INDIA, THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES TO SPON-

PUPPETS ARRESTED

Tokyo, Oct. 14. U.S. Eighth Army headquarters announced to-day the arrest of nine Japanese puppet Nanking and Manchukuo officials.

The Nanking group includes Tsui Tsoo Wang, embassy counsellor; Chow Su-chu, second embassy secretary; Chen Shan-chi, Chung Yuen and Chong Lung, third secretaries; Capt. Yuan, chief military attaché, and Rear Adm. Wong Ching-wu.

The Manchukuo group includes Wong Jung-wu, Ambassador, and Tao Yung-fang, military attaché.—Associated Press.

COLOGNE EXPRESS SMASH

Lunberg, Oct. 14. Twenty-six persons were killed and 273 injured when a locomotive crashed into the rear of the "Cologne" to Hanover express to-day.

The express which was on its first run since the end of the war, had been brought to a standstill.—Reuter.

J. P. Morgan In Colony

WHEN AN AMERICAN NAVAL OFFICER APPROACHED THE OFFICERS CLUB DESK IN THE GLOUCESTER HOTEL AND ASKED FOR A COUPON BOOK FOR HIS COMPANION, A BRITISH LIEUTENANT, ASKED: "AND WHAT'S HIS NAME PLEASE?" "J. P. MORGAN" RESPONDED THE AMERICAN.

The British officer looked up with "That's a good name," expression on his face and quipped with a smile: "Yes, and I suppose your name's Vanderbilt?"

The officer sitting at the table was Lt.-Col. John Pierpont Morgan II.

He is Executive Officer aboard a destroyer escort which has been in Hong Kong nearly a week.

Even many officers in the destroyer escort, but who know the unassuming chap in Morgan are unaware of his family connection.

Shanghai, Oct. 14.

The army transport "Leviathan," America's last evacuation ship leaving Shanghai, sailed to-day with 1,000 repatriates aboard.—Associated Press.

Heavy Loss Of Life In Okinawa

Pearl Harbour, Oct. 14. Pacific fleet headquarters reported to-day that 28 navy men were killed, 70 were missing and 423 were injured in the terrible typhoon which lashed Okinawa during the past week.

Of the injured, 91 were reported in serious condition. Twenty-five of the men met death at sea. The navy said casualty reports still were incomplete. Damage to shore facilities were extremely heavy.—Associated Press.

Triumvirate In Control In Argentine

MONTEVIDEO, OCT. 14. ARGENTINA APPEARS AT PRESENT TO BE RULED BY A TRIUMVIRATE OF PRESIDENT EDELMIRO FARRELL, REAR-ADmirAL VERENEGO LIMA AND GENERAL EDUARDO AVALOS. THE LAST OF WHOM IS ARGENTINA'S NEW "STRONG MAN" AND VIRTUALLY DOMINATES THE SITUATION, BACKED BY A "CONSIDERABLE SECTION OF THE ARMED FORCES."—REUTER.

Buenos Aires, Oct. 14. WAR MINISTER GENERAL EDUARDO AVALOS DISCLOSED TO-DAY THAT HE AND NAVY MINISTER VENENO LIMA HAD EACH ASSUMED TWO ADDITIONAL TOP CABINET POSTS.

Avalos took the Internal and Finance Ministries while the Navy Minister assumed the role of Foreign Minister and Minister of Justice and Education.

Avalos announced he was lifting the press and radio censorship which has created such a furor in the country.

It still was not clear whether or not President Farrell would survive the governmental crisis or whether he would be forced out. Mounted police armed with rifles patrolled downtown streets.

Gen. Orlando Peñaloza reportedly was ordered detained at the army's first division headquarters in Buenos Aires on the grounds that he left his command at Bahia Blanca without permission.—Associated Press.

The broadcast came amid reports of an approaching crisis in Java, where armed outbreaks are spreading. The Dutch have refused to deal with Soekarno, declaring him a traitor and Japanese collaborator.

Netherlands Foreign Minister van Kleefens is in London seeking to reach an agreement on suppressing the revolt which the Dutch say represents only a small minority of the native population.

Argentina's new War Minister, Eduardo Avelino, from obtaining support of military units stationed in the capital.

General Avelino promised the people of Argentina to-day that they would be free to call to power, whoever they choose, on polling day, April 7th. There would be no "official" candidate for the Presidency.—Reuter.

ARMY MAY SEIZE CITY

Montevideo, Oct. 14.

INFORMED CIRCLES HERE, STATES REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT, FORECAST THAT GROUPS FROM CAMPO DEL MAYO, ARGENTINA'S PRINCIPAL ARMY CAMP, MAY ADVANCE ON THE CAPITAL AND OCCUPY THE CITY ITSELF TO PREVENT PERON AND GENERAL EDUARDO AVALOS, THE NEW WAR MINISTER, FROM OBTAINING SUPPORT OF MILITARY UNITS STATIONED IN THE CAPITAL.

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Navy Moving Into Queen Mary

FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS THE NAVY HAS BEEN BUSY MOVING FURNITURE, FITTINGS, INSTRUMENTS, ETC., TO QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL, WHERE THEY ARE SETTING UP A NAVAL HOSPITAL ON THE THIRD AND FOURTH FLOORS.

ALL THE FURNITURE WAS ORDERED FROM AUSTRALIA AND ITS ARRIVAL IN SO SHORT A TIME CAUSES VOLUMES FOR THE WAY THE WHILE THING WAS ORGANISED.

ORIGINALLY, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, IT WAS PLANNED TO ESTABLISH A HOSPITAL IN AUSTRALIA, BUT ON THE VARIOUS SURROUNDS THERE WAS A CHANGE OF PLANS.

THE OLD ROYAL NAVAL HOSPITAL IN WANCHAI, IT IS LEARNED, WILL BE SOLD DOWN AND IN ITS PLACE WILL BE CREATED A NEW, UP-TO-DATE HOSPITAL.

HE WAS WARNED THAT THIS POST

U.S. LINES READY FOR FAR EAST

SAN FRANCISCO, OCT. 13.

PACIFIC COAST SHIP OPERATORS DISCLOSED TO-DAY THAT THE RESUMPTION OF COMMERCIAL SHIP TRAFFIC TO SHANGHAI, HONG KONG AND OTHER FAR EAST PORTS IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MONTH.

WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HERE SAID THREE LINES—THE Isthmian and American Mail—are prepared for immediate operation.

A WSA SPEAKSman SAID THAT CARGO "IN CONSIDERABLE VOLUME" ALREADY IS MOVING TO PRIVATE FIRMS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND CONTINUES ON AN UPWARD.

THE SPEAKSman SAID THE ESTIMATED TONNAGE FOR NOVEMBER IS 45,000 TONS, FOR DECEMBER 60,000 TONS.

SHIPS ARE AVAILABLE AND A GREATER VOLUME IS EXPECTED AS SOON AS PORT FACILITIES AND LABOUR IS AVAILABLE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES REPORTED THAT ONE SHIP IS NOW LOADING WITH FOOD STUFFS, COTTON AND PETROLEUM AND WILL SAIL IN THE MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER FOR SHANGHAI AND HONG KONG.

THE AMERICAN MAIL LINES REPORTED THAT THEIR FIRST SHIP TO HONG KONG, SHANGHAI AND NORTH CHINA WILL LEAVE THE WEST COAST LATE IN DECEMBER.

THE Isthmian Steamship Company's president said: "WE EXPECT TO HAVE A SHIP DEPARTING FOR SHANGHAI SOMETIME TOWARD THE END OF NOVEMBER."

SHIPPING OFFICIALS SAID THE RESUMPTION OF TRADE WITH SINGAPORE AND MALAYA "WAITS ONLY THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS THERE."

THEY SAID SIX LINES HAVE MADE PLANS TO RESUME TRADE TO THE ORIENT FROM ATLANTIC, PACIFIC AND GULF PORTS.

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FREAK SITUATION IN PARLIAMENT

LONDON, OCT. 14. UNKNOWN FIGURE FROM THE GOVERNMENT BENCH SPREAD A COPY OF A BILL IN FRONT OF HIM, THREW IT AWAY AND BEGAN TO SPEAK.

WRITES WILLIAM BARKLEY IN THE "DAILY EXPRESS."

FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE FASCINATED BY WHAT HE SAID. HIS BILL WAS TO IMMUNISE MRS. JEAN MANN, LABOUR FOR COATBRIDGE, AND J. C. FORMAN, LABOUR FOR SPINGBURN, FROM A PEDANTIC POINT OF LAW DATING FROM QUEEN ANNE IN THE YEAR 1707.

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LATEST NOTICES

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONGKONG
MILITARY COURTS
PROCLAMATION No. 8
ARTICLE 5

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Article 5 of the above-mentioned Proclamation, I, DAVID MERCER MACDOUGALL, Brigadier, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, hereby appoint:

ANTHONY PETER RUSSELL, Squadron Leader, Royal Air Force

LEWIN DAVID JEFFERIES, Captain, South Wales Borderers to be members of the Standing Military Court.

Given under my hand at Hongkong this 13th day of October, 1945.

Sd. D. M. MacDOUGALL
Brigadier,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

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SHANGHAI BANK
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S.O. (I)
1ST FLOOR,
PENINSULA HOTEL

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Inspection may be made on application to Messrs. Whiteaway, Laird & Co. Ltd., 1st Floor, between 9 and 10 a.m. each day except Sunday.

Bids in sealed covers, should be left at the Acting Custodian's Office, Second floor, Mercantile Bank Building, Queen's Road, Victoria, on or before noon 20th October, 1945.

A deposit of Dollars One Hundred must be made on deposit of each tender, which will be returned if tender is not accepted.

The Acting Custodian does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender.

R. A. WICKERSON,
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Acting Custodian of Property, Victoria, 13th October, 1945.

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BATHING
FACILITIES

Time was when the Services announcement regarding Repulse Bay bathing beach would have provoked acid comment. It is stressed, however, that the decision to divide the beach by barbed-wire barricade, is but a temporary measure. That helps to moderate the immediate reaction: that, plus the time of the year and the realisation that transport problems being as acute as they are, without early promise of improvement, the matter, taken by and large, is of little importance at the present time. It should do no harm, nevertheless, to point out for the benefit of those whom it may concern, that Repulse Bay is a public bathing beach, and, in normal times, the natural weekend rendezvous from April onwards, of hundreds of Hong Kong residents and visitors. The idea of dividing the beach, compartmentally, is something so entirely new, so out of keeping with the past, that it is more than a trifle shocking to many susceptibilities. This remains true even while interest to-day may be largely academic. After all, few of us can to-day afford the time to indulge the luxury of beach bathing. When we could, beach behaviour from a social point of view was eminently satisfying. Hong Kong had a reputation, not altogether undeserved, for having a disconcerting knack of producing snobbery in the most unexpected places. But for some reason or other, shall we suggest the strong weight of public opinion, this received sharp contradiction on our beaches, and we all went in together in a manner which would have delighted the most democratically insistent of individuals. While our local society on some occasions kept up its serious and seemly ritual, it shook it off readily enough prior to donning its bathing costume. Oddly enough, or perhaps the truth lies in precisely the opposite direction, the result was that everybody enjoyed themselves so much more. It may have had something to do, of course, with the fact that the taliban, while impressive enough in his commanding carpeted office, was no great shakes in a pair of woollen abbreviations. Similarly, when it came to figures, the little cashier from the cafe round the corner checked up more handsomely than lady of leisure from higher levels. However, we set out to show, not how easily ferocity may drift into facetiousness, but that there is a tradition about Repulse Bay and other beaches that jabs at innovation. Even the thinnest of wedges might, without care, leave unpleasing marks behind.

Shock For
Egyptian

Cairo, Oct. 14.

The statement of Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, that there is no immediate prospect of reopening the Liverpool cotton market means he wants to dominate the world cotton markets," Mohamed Fargall Pasha declared to-day. He is Egypt's biggest cotton tradesman.

His statement, published in "Al Miar," said, the British government has the right to take any decision it wishes concerning its trade markets, but must recognize that this contradicts the interests of other countries."

Pasha said Cripps' statement "has caused consternation and we must take quick measures. I advise the Egyptian government to take immediate steps to face this new and dangerous situation." As stated.

British exports increased to

London, Oct. 14.

British exports increased to

monthly average of U.S.\$105,000,000 in July and August, the Board of Trade reported to-day.

It warned that it should not be assumed that the export figures would be maintained, because re-

ductions in shipments of raw

goods were to be expected and

there was uncertainty about ex-

ports to Russia. Associated Press.

CHINESE SENTRY MOUNT GUARD IN SHAMEEN

(BY A STAFF REPORTER)

AMERICAN AND CHINESE ARMY JEEPS RUSH THROUGH THE STREETS OF SHAMEEN TO-DAY AS THE CONQUERING CHINESE AND YANKS RUB SHOULDERS WITH FORMER JAPANESE SPIES AND THE COSMOPOLITAN NEUTRAL NATIONALS OF CANTON.

CAFES AND RESTAURANTS THERE ARE FOUR MAJOR ONES ON SHAMEEN—ARE OVERCROWDED AND ARE DOING A ROARING TRADE. BIG BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN REQUISITIONED BY THE FIRST-COMERS, WHETHER CHINESE, AMERICAN OR BRITISH—AS VARIOUS ARMY UNIT HEADQUARTERS.

Chinese sentries stand on duty with fixed bayonets at every intersection and every few yards of the waterfront. Loiterers are not welcome, but general traffic passes on unmolested by Army red tape.

Private residences have been left in peace and requisitioning have been limited to unoccupied buildings. Chinese sentries keep shouting "O.K." at every opportunity. They are quartered in large numbers on the grass compounds and companies keep drilling in turns.

British representation in Shamen life is limited at the moment to personnel of the British Army Aid Group office, who are performing the function of the Consular staff for the present, to one representative of the Chinese Maritime Customs, flown in from Chungking to the staff of the United Nations Rehabilitation and Relief Association, and representatives of the Methodist Church who are busy organising additional relief aid to the dispossessed.

HONGKONG ENTRY PERMITS

The B.A.A.G. office, temporarily

under the command of Capt.

Francis Lee, M.M., during our reporter's visit, is issuing Hong Kong entry permits, permits to former Chinese Civil Servants of the Government of Hong Kong and to others whom it deems useful to reconstruction work in the Colony.

An interesting feature of Shamen life are the people with haunted looks on their faces worrying over the fact whether they will eventually be wanted for questioning by the police.

There is always, however, the need for immediate entry into the struggle for wealth and most have forgotten the spectre of an unsavoury past to participate in the shakels of to-day.

There is nothing left resembling the starvation-border struggle of the puppet government and dispossessed neutral nationals are earning good money doing menial work and catering for the Americans who are having their wardrobes refurbished for the triumphal procession in due course through the life of cosmopolitan Shanghai.

SHANGHAI LURE

There is hardly a Yank in town who is not plotting ways and means to reach Shanghai, but dealers in silks, ivory and Chinese curios have already started collecting the Gold impatiently released from funds that the Shanghai market would have been due to collect.

United States Army personnel in Shamen rank from Generals to buck privates, the jeeps keep giving joy-rides to all-comers. Chinese moppets in full Army Air Force regalia proudly parade the streets, and the new Shamen gloriously marches on!

Motor Junk
Disaster

OVER 300 LIVES WERE

LOST ON THE "KWONG YUEN" MOTOR JUNK ON

OCTOBER 8, WHEN SHE

CRASHED INTO A ROCK AND

SUNK OUTSIDE MACAO HARBOUR.

It is alleged that the junk left Canton on her maiden voyage, with a pilot entirely strange to route.

There were about 400 passengers on board and only 74 were saved. Few of the crew escaped.

Three Chinese Colonels were among those lost.

London, Oct. 14.

The "Manchester Guardian"

states that the cotton fabric exporters have not yet received the announcement concerning the export programme for the current quarter and details are awaited with more than usual interest.

because of the possibility that

some changes such as an increase

in the number of markets which

may be traded with, an increase

in the proportion of "free export"

business, or an increase in the

range of available cloths, will be

introduced. Reuter.

Singapore, Oct. 14.

Alan Humphreys, Reuter's

Special Correspondent in Singa-

apore, says: "Sikhs in the Police

force of Singapore, whose be-

haviour during the Japanese oc-

cupation, was bitterly denounced

by all classes of people, from

internecine to humble Chinese work-

ers, will never again be seen in

the streets of Singapore.

"There are several hundreds of

them still in the city but they are

being kept here "for their own

safety," according to a police

officer.

"They are now waiting to leave

for India and the official policy is

to send off all those who are

eligible." Reuter.

Wing-Comdr. P. S. P. Morter,

Officer Commanding No. 535

Air Field Construction Unit, is

expected to leave by air, for

England via Bombay, to-day.

In civilian life the Wing-Com-

mander is an architect.

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Attlee Seeking Interim Plan For Palestine

LONDON, OCT. 14. PRIME MINISTER CLEMENT ATTLEE IS EXPECTED IN OFFICIAL QUARTERS TO PURPOSE AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT WITHIN A FORTNIGHT DESIGNED TO FORESTALL SERIOUS OUTBREAKS IN PALESTINE. THE CABINET IS NOW ENGAGED IN A FULL DEBATE ON THE PRESSING PROBLEM. IT WAS LEARNED RELIABLY. INFORMED PREDICTION IS THAT MR. ATTLEE WILL OFFER THE JEWS 1,500 TO 2,000 IMMIGRATION PERMITS TO PALESTINE MONTHLY WHILE MORE PERMANENT PLANS ARE WORKED OUT.

Zionists, who cite the support of President Truman in his letter to the Prime Minister, have been demanding 100,000 permits. They said 2,000 monthly would be negligible help.

It appears certain that the United States will be asked to participate in the ultimate solution of the old conflict between the Jews and Arabs. There is considerable division within the British Government on what should be done. The Foreign Office is concerned mainly with keeping peace in the Arab world.

The Arabs are in possession of strong new power since formation of the Arab League.

The Colonial Office is more inclined to favour Jewish demands for lifting of immigration and abandoning restrictions in Palestine.

SOCIALIST STANDPOINT

The Socialist government's pre-election stand leaned toward supporting the Jews, but now some members of the Cabinet feel that it is impossible to fulfil completely the pre-election assertions.

Particular urgency for at least a temporary solution is based on three factors:

(1) Only about 3,000 Jewish immigration permits remain undistributed under the terms of the 1939 "White Paper," which Zionists insist should be immediately abrogated. Meanwhile, Zionists estimate that about 1,250,

Last Big Jap Force Surrenders

Peking, Oct. 14. The final surrender of the last major Japanese force in China has been made to the Chinese general, Sun Lieng Chung, who led the first skirmish defence in Marco Polo Bridge.

The Manchu Palace in the ancient Forbidden City section was crowded with 150,000 Chinese to see Lt. Gen. Mimoto, commander of Japanese forces in North China, sign the document surrendering 175,000 Japanese. General Sun was accompanied by 11 Chinese generals and foreign colony guests. Associated Press.

The crowd roared angrily when Mimoto and 20 members of his staff arrived for the surrender ceremony. Police had to push back the crowd. After signing, the Japanese gave up their samurai swords, then withdrew.

Maj. Gen. De Witt Peck, commander of the U.S. first marines, said: "This is the third Jap surrender I've seen. I'd like to see a lot more."

Peck formerly commanded the Fourth Marine Regiment which left Shanghai before the war to join in defence of the Philippines. Associated Press.

Paris, Oct. 14. Doctor Carl Mundi, one of the American Congressmen who has been touring Europe has suggested that Allied Commissions on the lines of those not functioning in Berlin and Vienna, should be set up in Yugoslavia, Hungary, Rumania and Italy. Reuter.

NOTICE

The Central Executive Branch of Civil Affairs has moved to the 1st Floor of Post Office Building with the following telephone numbers:

Col. T. R. Rovall.....39545
Lt. Col. H. Owen Hughes.....39617
General Office.....39671

Signed T. R. Rovall
Colonel C. A.
Central Executive Branch

CONTROL AND ALLOCATION OF LIGHTERS

As from Monday, 15th October, all applications for the use of lighters and tugs should be made to the I. W. T. Lighterage Office (Tel. No. 50642) situated in the Sea Transport Office, Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon. At least 24 hours notice of requirements should be given if possible.

CAPTAIN W. J. MOORE, R.N.R.
Divisional Sea Transport Officer.

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000 Jews in central and southeastern Europe face decimation if they all are forced to remain on the Continent this winter.

(2)—Both Jews and Arabs are well armed, although illegally, and the growing tension increases concern over possible bloody outbreaks.

(3)—Britain must prepare to turn the Palestine mandate into a United Nations trusteeship.

Inform sources say these reasons impel Mr. Attlee to try to work out some stop-gap plan to bring a breathing spell in which to seek a long-range solution.

JOINT TRUSTEESHIP

On a more permanent solution, it is reported Mr. Attlee is thinking along the lines of joint Anglo-American trusteeship. Apparently earlier suggestions for partitioning Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish states has been abandoned because of objections from both sides, and reluctance to establish an economic barrier that would slow development of the Middle East.

Eventual establishment of a federated state encompassing Arab and Jewish autonomous sections remains a possibility. Arabs who now outnumber Jews two to one want Palestine to be a full-fledged member of the Arab League. They demand guarantees that they will be able to retain their majority and their land.

Jews number about 600,000 at present and want a Jewish majority and freedom to expand agriculturally and industrially.

ARAB CASE

British officials who support the Arabs give these reasons:

The Middle East is an essential pathway of empire. Britain can not afford an open break with the Arabs, who are staying solidly together. Russian ambitions in the Mediterranean make it more imperative to keep the Arabs on Britain's side.

The Middle East is an important supplier of raw material to the British economy. As part of its drive to increase sterling area trade, Britain has laid down a policy of building up its Middle East business.

The British government arguments on the Jewish side are:

Britain's obligation as a mandate power is to set up a Jewish homeland in Palestine. The breach of this obligation as well as the hardships that would fall on Jews forced to remain in Europe would be a black mark against Britain throughout the world.

RESPONSIBILITY

The pressure from the United States to admit Jews to Palestine has considerable effect. However, most Britons insist that if the Americans want to have a hand in shaping the policy they must also take some responsibility.

Jews are reported rushing from Poland and other parts of devastated central Europe into American occupation zones whenever possible. The British proponents of an open door in Palestine say immigration permits would be the humane means for shifting the care of these people from Allied armies to Jewish communities.

Meanwhile, the British Government is quietly reinforcing the garrisons in Palestine to cope with an increasing number of incidents by armed Jews. Associated Press.

POLICE NOTICE STRAY DOGS.

Dog owners are warned that all stray dogs will be shot by police or service patrols.

W. L. B. SPARROW,
Commissioner of Police,
13th October, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONGKONG
PROCLAMATION NO. 6

MORATORIUM ARTICLE 3 (2) AUTHORIZATION

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Article 3 of the above Proclamation I hereby authorize as follows:

As from Wednesday, 17th of October, 1945, any financial institution previously authorised to circulate currency may reopen for the purpose specified below.

SPECIFIED PURPOSE

The receipt and withdrawal in currency treated as legal tender by the British Military Administration of new deposits and the making of new advances.

DATED this 12th day of October, 1945.

C. G. FOLLOWS
Finance Controller

JAPS BURN U.S. BILLET

Tsingtao, Oct. 14.

A Japanese school building which was earmarked for billeting of the sixth U.S. marines was burned yesterday. Police are holding 10 Japanese, including the school principal, as suspects. The burning is the only untoward incident since the marines landed in this north China city. Associated Press.

Tory Plans

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SHIDEHARA REFORM MEASURES

TOKYO, OCT. 14. PREMIER SHIDEHARA'S CABINET HAS APPROVED WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE, LOWERED THE VOTING AGE FROM 21 TO 20, DISMISSED 4,800 "THOUGHT CONTROL" POLICE AND ABOLISHED THE 18-YEAR-OLD LAW UNDER WHICH 60,000 POLITICAL OFFENDERS WERE ARRESTED.

REVISION OF THE JAPANESE CONSTITUTION HAS BEGUN, AND FRIENDS OF PRINCE KONOYE, THE NEW IMPERIAL ADVISER, REPORTED EMPEROR HIROHITO "IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING" ABDICATING.

Konoye is aiming for constitutional revisions strengthening the legislative Diet without altering the Throne's traditional position.

Newspapers said Konoye's first draft altered, principally, the provisions making the Emperor the supreme commander of the army and navy and giving him treaty-making power, which Konoye would transfer to the Diet. Political factions are consolidating rapidly. Associated Press.

BRAZIL'S ATTITUDE

RIO DE JANEIRO, OCT. 14. LEO VEROLO, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER OF BRAZIL, REPLIED ON SATURDAY TO A PRESS STATEMENT BY THE ITALIAN PREMIER, SIGNED PARRI, IN REFERENCE TO REPARATIONS DEMANDED FROM ITALY BY BRAZIL, RUSSIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND GREECE.

Verozzo asserted: "Declarations in the press signed by Parrini, on the part of Brazil, to be perfectly clarified as there will not be left existing any doubt of the friendly sentiments that today animate the government and people of Brazil in relations with Italy."

He declared: "Brazil has not demanded reparations from Italy. Consulted by the foreign ministers in London during their conference about the peace treaty, Brazil asked nothing except one fair indemnity for materials damaged in a war that was forced upon her." Associated Press.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONGKONG

MILITARY COURTS PROCLAMATION

NO. 8 OF 1945

AUTHORIZED ADVOCATES

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of Article 19 (1) of the above Proclamation I, GEORGE E. STRICKLAND, Colonel, Civil Affairs, Legal Branch, have authorized the persons whose names appear hereafter to act as Advocates and conduct the defences of persons charged before the Standing Military Court, namely:

1. Lo Man Kam
2. Lo Man Wai
3. Wong Kin Fan
4. Kan Yuet Keung

DATED this 12th day of October, 1945.

GEORGE E. STRICKLAND
Colonel, (C.A.)
Legal Branch.

NOTICE

The Public is reminded that it is an offence under the Summary Offences Ordinance, Ord. No. 40 of 1932, to perform any of the following acts without prior permission of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

1. Discharge any firework
2. Play any musical instrument or beat any drum or gong in any public street or road. (This does not apply to music reasonably performed in connection with funerals or marriages).

3. In any public place to organise, equip or take part in any procession. (This does not apply to funerals or marriage processions).

4. In any public place to post up or exhibit, or cause to be posted up or exhibited, any notice or proclamation in the Chinese language. (This does not apply to Government notices).

Furthermore:

Under Section 18 of the same Ordinance, it is an offence to organize or take part in any public meeting not being a meeting solely for religious worship held without the permission of the Commissioner of Police.

B. C. K. HAWKINS
Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONGKONG
DELEGATION OF POWERS (AMENDMENT)
PROCLAMATION No. 4
Article No. 1, Order No. 1

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Article 1, Order No. 1 of the above mentioned Proclamation, I, HAROLD STUART ROUSE, Colonel, Civil Affairs, Works, hereby make the following delegation:

Lieutenant Colonel L. W. AMPS, O.B.E. to exercise the authority, discretions, privileges, rights or powers of Building Authority.

Lieutenant Colonel J. J. FORBES, to exercise the authority, discretions, privileges, rights or powers of Water Authority.

Lieutenant Colonel I. B. TREVOR, M.C., to exercise the authority, discretions, privileges, rights or powers of the Manager of Railways.

GIVEN under my hand at HONGKONG this 12th day of October, 1945.

H. S. ROUSE
Colonel
Civil Affairs (Works)

QUEEN'S THEATRE

TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

At 2.30, 5.15 & 7.30 p.m.

Gary Cooper Jean Arthur
as & as
"Wild Bill Hickok" "Calamity Jane"

CECIL B. DE MILLE'S

"THE PLAINSMAN"

A Paramount Production.

(Please note the change of time.)

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At 2.30, 7.30 & 9.30 p.m.

SPENCER TRACY

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"NORTH-WEST PASSAGE"

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ROBERT YOUNG-RUTH HUSSEY

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The most amazing animal picture ever made!

A thousand tropical jungle thrills!

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An M.G.M. thrilling action picture.

W. M. THOMSON,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

KING'S THEATRE

SHOWING TO-DAY

At 12 Noon, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 & 9.30 p.m.

LATEST BRITISH NEWSREELS

VJ CELEBRATIONS IN LONDON AND NEW YORK

ATOMIC BOMB

SUICIDE PLANES

LANDING AT BALIKPAPAN

BOMBARDMENT OF JAPAN

Important Headway In Washington Talks

SHANGHAI STATUS

Shanghai, Oct. 14. A new status for Shanghai and the kind of government best suited to the international city has been thoroughly discussed by the Chinese Premier, Dr. T. V. Soong, who continued his financial discussions with local officials.—Reuter.

Troops Working At Docks

London, Oct. 14. Dock-working British troops landed at Southampton from Germany to-day and joined 4,000 stevedores unloading ships at various strike-crippled British ports.—Associated Press.

More troops are being sent for from the continent to aid those who have already started the work of unloading ships in London and other docks because of the nationwide strike of dock workers.

Among the ships waiting to be unloaded in the London docks is the "Marrawai," with 2,600 tons of tea from Calcutta.

Meetings will be held during the week-end, at which officials of the Transport and General Workers Union will try to persuade the dockers to return to work.

Provided the work of unloading goes forward satisfactorily, the rations of the British public will not suffer and bacon is the only commodity likely to be short.

Bitterness against the strikers because of the threatened shortage of food is shown in some quarters. In one London suburb, an organized movement is on foot for women to volunteer to unload ships.—Reuter.

By to-day, 6,500 British troops will be working at the docks, and the Minister of Food says that they have already done much to relieve the situation.

Over half Britain's dock labour force continues affected by the strike.—Reuter.

N. Y. Dockers End Strike

NEW YORK, OCT. 14. STRIKING NEW YORK DOCK WORKERS BEGAN RETURNING TO THEIR JOBS TO-DAY, EASING SOMEWHAT AMERICA'S TROUBLED LABOUR SITUATION.

Union leaders said the dockers were returning to work "all along the line," but it was not made clear whether the strike as a whole could be considered ended.

In Washington there was no indication of any agreement being reached soon between bituminous coal operators and John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers' union as they began their second week of conferences in an effort to settle a dispute involving 200,000 miners.

In another phase of the labour controversies, mass picketing spread at the Columbia motion picture studio in Hollywood, but after being warned by the police the pickets made no attempt to prevent workers from entering the gates.

A normal complement of pickets remained at the Warner Brothers studio, where violence flared during the week.—Associated Press.

MILITARY AUTHORITY KOWLOON SPEED LIMITS OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Notice is hereby given that the speed of all motor vehicles in KOWLOON is limited as follows:

All vehicles up to 2 TONS weight 30 miles per hour.

All vehicles over 2 TONS weight 20 miles per hour.

MILITARY AUTHORITIES KOWLOON

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 18 UNITED KINGDOM

It is expected that H. M. S. "Empire Legion" will be leaving the Colony for the United Kingdom on Wednesday next, 17th October.

There will be accommodation for a few women and children and up to fifty men.

Those listed for early repatriation to the United Kingdom should stand by in readiness.

Lists for those for embarkation will be published on Monday evening, 16th October.

REPATRIATION OFFICE 18th October, 1945.

WASHINGTON, OCT. 14. BRITAIN AND AMERICA ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS TOWARDS THE FORMATION OF A "UNITED FRONT" FOR AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD NEXT JUNE.

INVITATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ISSUED LATER BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY IT WILL TAKE PLACE IN LONDON.

At present the British and American delegations here are studying an American document intended to form the basis for charter for an international organization which will emerge from the Conference.

This document will be amended in the light of agreements reached during the present discussions which have already resulted in the two nations undertaking to keep each other informed regarding subsidy programmes which might affect international trade.

Other points agreed on are: export subsidies should be discontinued except where the commodity is a "burdensome world surplus."

The state of the export trading agencies shall be subject to the same rules as those applied to private traders; export duties shall be submitted to the same international negotiation as the import duties.

CARTELS

An agreement on cartels is expected in the next few days but the delegations are still a considerable distance from the settlement of the question of Empire trade preference.

There are signs, however, that the Americans are coming round to the British viewpoint that the subject cannot be considered by itself but only in the general context of tariffs, quotas and all other weapons of economic warfare.

British observers here believe that a joint Anglo-American economic policy as the present diplomatic accord will result from the present discussions.—Reuter.

Malayan Union Opinion

SINGAPORE, OCT. 14. REACTION IN MALAYA IN GENERAL TO THE PLAN FOR A MALAYAN UNION IS "IT WILL BE GOOD IF IT WORKS."

In view of the lack of details regarding the application of the scheme, responsible quarters here are unwilling to make any definite pronouncement on it, but on one point at least—the abolition of internal political and economic boundaries—there seems to be widespread satisfaction.

An Indian business man, who has lived in Malaya for ten years, said to the Tamil labourers, who were ninety per cent of the Indian population, the scheme would matter little, except that part which involved immigration restrictions, while a unified labour policy might produce improvements.

He was convinced that the Union would benefit commerce.

He estimated that the Indian population of three-quarters of a million had decreased by twenty-five per cent during the Japanese occupation and added: "The Japanese occupation of Malaya has been of great service to the British Empire—it has made Malaya more pro-British than the British themselves could have made it."—Reuter.

CANTON GETS ON YANKEE HUSTLE

(Continued from Page 1) peacefully read all the latest American magazines.

Universities and schools are opening up within the month and staffs from China and abroad are already in the city.

Prices do not compare with Hong Kong's. Some things like food are cheaper, imported goods—all old stock, except for black market cigarettes and chocolate—are very much more expensive.

A merciless round-up has commenced of all Japanese collaborationists, among the first to be gaoled being quite a few Nazis, though Germans are being left alone where they had not been active.

The river is waking up and is crowded at the moment with junks innumerable that have crept back and make traffic a tortuous process.

Anti-Chinese Incidents

Chungking, Oct. 14. The Chinese Foreign Office has instructed the Chinese Embassy in Washington to lodge a formal protest with the Siamese Minister to America against anti-Chinese activities in Siam.

Any failure by the Siamese Government to prevent further anti-disturbance will inevitably lead to a serious deterioration of Sino-Siamese relations, it is learned in reliable quarters here.—Reuter.

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COMMUNIST ENDORSEMENT

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Japs To Clean Up Corregidor

Manila, Oct. 14. More than a thousand Japanese have been taken to Corregidor, the rocky island fortress at Manila bay's entrance, to begin the big job of cleaning up the damage and debris of two invasions—one by the Japanese; the second by Americans.

They will clear the remains of their own dead from the recesses of Malinta Hill's honey-combed network of tunnels, in which hundreds of them were killed by their own suicidal dynamite blasts. They will move tons of wreckage from the former barracks building sites.

Associated Press.

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Eight army headquarters reported to-day that the Japanese gendarmerie will be abolished at the end of this month. Its officers are now winding up their organization's affairs.

Associated Press.

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